

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Application No.: 10/824,335  
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Applicant: Osamu Shinkawa  
Group Art Unit: 2861  
Examiner: Huan Huu Tran  
Title: DROPLET EJECTION APPARATUS AND METHOD OF  
DETECTING AND JUDGING HEAD FAILURE  
Attorney Docket: 9319A-000762

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**AMENDMENT AFTER ALLOWANCE UNDER RULE 312**

Sir:

In response to the Notice of Allowance mailed December 17, 2008, please consider the following.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 16 of this paper.